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2006 Control Burn Policy

307.1 General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

307.2 Permit required. A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

307.2.1 Authorization. Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

307.2.2 Prohibited open burning. Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The Natrona County Sheriff's Department or Natrona County Fire District is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. Any open burning shall be conducted as required by any government agency regulating emissions or may be prohibited in times of extreme fire danger by resolution of the Natrona County Commissioners, Natrona County Fire Protection District, Casper Mountain Fire District, or any other governmental agency.

307.3 Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:

1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

307.3.1 Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.3.2 Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4 Attendance. Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended by person over the age 18 and who is knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

307.4.1 Notification. Prior to commencement of open burning and at the end of burning the Natrona County Dispatch Center shall be notified. (307)-235-9300

307.4.2 Material Restrictions. Open burning of rubbish containing paper products is prohibited. Natural material such as wood, grass, leaves, sagebrush and other vegetation is allowed.

307.4.3 Opening burning time restrictions. Opening burning operations shall be conducted between the hours of 0600 and 1100. Any medium to high winds will prohibit any burning during the time stated above. Special permission to burn outside the designated time can be granted on a case to case basis.